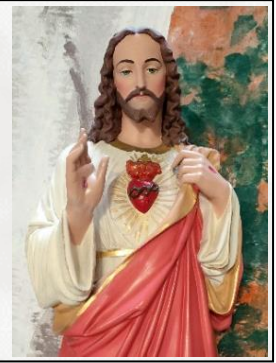




Sacred Heart Parish Preston



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Safeguarding Officer: Robert Dullard

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Mary Harb, Teresa Dang, Pauline O'Day

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Ben Fortuna, Natalie Baran, Judeline

Wadhvani and Joanne Verga

Liturgy Committee:

Chair – Judeline Wadhvani

Coordinators:

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Music – Carolina Constable

Safeguarding – Pauline O'Day

Hospitality, Altar & Environment – (To Be Announced)

Parish Finance Committee:

Peter Constable (Chair)

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Parish Mass Schedule

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 6:00pm

Sunday: 9:00am (*Italian*), 10:30 am, 6:00 pm

Weekday Masses:

Monday to Friday: 9:10am

Healing Mass: 1st Friday of February,

May, August & November at 1:30pm

Next Healing Mass: Friday 7 Feb. 2025

Devotional Practices:

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament:

No Adoration in January. Adoration will recommence in February 2025.



Holy Rosary: Thurs after the 9:10am Mass

Reconciliation: Every Saturday at 5:15pm

Baptisms & Weddings: By appointment only

Breakfast with Fr Aloysius

1st Monday of the month, the next one is on

Monday 6 February in the presbytery after 9:10am Mass. All welcome

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Our Parish is committed to the safety, wellbeing and dignity of all children and vulnerable adults.

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time (Year C)

Sunday 19 January 2025

The Creative Service of Discipleship

Most of us are familiar with today's Gospel story about the miraculous change of water into wine at a wedding party at Cana in Galilee. According to the Gospel of John, this was the first miracle performed by Jesus. Without any intention to minimize Jesus' power in performing this miracle, it would be a good idea to focus our reflection on Jesus' mother, Mary, who was certainly not the person in charge of this wedding. In the ancient world, it was always the bride's father's responsibility. And being in charge of a wedding was not an easy task.

Weddings were some of the very few occasions in ancient times when common, working-class people could take time off to celebrate and enjoy themselves. When Jesus and His newly formed band of followers showed up, they would have joined right in. Maybe this is why they ran out of wine (?) But the interesting thing is that the head caterer, the one responsible for providing the food and drink throughout the celebration, did not notice that the wine was running short. Instead, it was Jesus' mother Mary who did. Even though she was a guest there to have a good time and not a hostess, she kept her attention on the needs of those around her, recognizing the potential disaster, and then she took the initiative to do something about it – to avert the great embarrassment and disappointment that running out of wine would cause to the bride's family.

That was Mary's habitual approach to life: as Jesus' mother and first disciple she always fostered an attitude of creative service. She kept her eyes open for opportunities to help and to enable others, and she took the initiative to act on those opportunities. Filled with the Holy Spirit at the time of the Annunciation, this is how she reflected in her own day-to-day life the goodness and generosity of God, who is always watching and providing for us and watching over us all - if only we could become aware and respond to it.

An attitude of creative service to others is one of the keys to being a true and faithful follower of Christ as Mary did by dedicating her entire life to serving Jesus and sharing His mission. She is our perfect model of being a true follower of Jesus. Like Mary, we too have received the gift of the Spirit when we were confirmed, and formally declared our intention to spend our lives and share our individual gifts in service to Jesus and His mission through being good news to the poor, suffering and abandoned. But it's not always easy to carry out that noble and wise intention. Life is full of challenges, surprises, and temptations, and it's easy to get distracted. As we continue with this Mass, let's ask the Blessed Virgin Mary, to intercede on our behalf, just as she did for the newlyweds at Cana, so that when we don't seem to have any wine left in our hearts, God's grace will still flow freely in us and through that we may remain faithful disciples of Jesus by imitating her attitude of creative service in drawing all into the hospitality of our Loving God.

Mother of God pray for us!

(Based on e-priest reflection)

Do
Whatever
He Says

John 2:1-11



Sacred Heart Parish Prayer

Loving God, we honour the heart of Jesus, your beloved Son. We remember how he opened his heart in love to all people. Open our own heart to receive the gifts that continue to flow so richly from the heart of Christ, who lives with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Sat 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Altar Servers
11-Jan-	Terry Murphy Marlene Vergou	Mary Harb	
18-Jan-	Marlene Vergou Terry Murphy	Charlotte Bainy	
25-Jan-	Mary Harb Marlene Vergou	Terry Murphy	

Sun 10:30am Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion	Slide Projection	Altar Servers
12-Jan-	Ophelia Swai Marilène Fortuna	Jessy Thambiraj	Judeline	
19-Jan-	Jessy Thambiraj Eileen Stevens	Judeline Wadhvani	Jessy	
26-Jan-	Jessica Suppiah Ophelia Swai	Giovanna D' Intino	Judeline	

Sun 6pm Mass	Lectors	Ministers of Communion
12-Jan-	John Gaffney Shanthi Antony	Judith Pimentel
19-Jan-	Snehita Antony Susan Bakani	Natalie Baran
26-Jan-	Jenifer Cahapay Susan Bakani	Robert Dullard

A Heartfelt Thanks to All Our Volunteers



WE PRAY FOR:

The elderly and the sick

Charlene Apollos, Sandra Bishop, John Storrie, Joan Bonwick,

Our Sacred Heart School student Samantha Corsi
Our parishioners, family members and friends, that they may be blessed with constant care, attention and respect.

Those who have died recently:

Fr Bruno Carrera, RIP 12/1

We Commemorate:



O Lord may perpetual light shine upon them.

May they rest in peace. Amen.



Last week's Collection: 12.1.2025

1st Collection for our Church: \$1,278

2nd Collection for support of clergy: \$589

Thank you for your kind generosity!



Sacrificial giving via QR code

To support our parish, you can make a donation by scanning this QR code

which is unique to Sacred Heart Church, Preston. It will give you direct access to the CDF pay webpage by following a few easy steps. The QR code is also displayed in the Church foyer. Many thanks for your continued generosity and support to Sacred Heart parish.



ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF OUR TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS



Sacred Heart Community Preston acknowledges the Wurundjeri People of the Kulin Nation, the traditional custodians of this Sacred land on which our Church stands. We acknowledge their unique wisdom and ability to care for Country and their deep spiritual connection to it. We pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.



✠ Solemnities / Feasts / Memorials of the Week ✠

*Monday 20 January St Fabian, Pope, Martyr
St Sebastian, Martyr*

Tuesday 21 January St Agnes, Virgin, Martyr

Wednesday 22 January St Vincent, Deacon, Martyr

Friday 24 January

St Francis de Sales, Bishop, Doctor

Saturday 25 January

Conversion of St Paul, Apostle



THOUGHTS FROM POPE FRANCIS

May the Jubilee 2025 be for Christians and non-Christians alike an opportunity to rethink the relationships that bind us as human beings and political communities. Let us overcome the logic of confrontation and embrace the logic of encounter, in order to build a future of peace.



Sacred Heart Parish Liturgy Committee Needs You

Sacred Heart Parish is looking for new members to join the Liturgy Committee. If you would like to be part of a dedicated team working together, to enable meaningful liturgical experiences that connect people in worship and prayer, then please speak to Fr Aloysius or Judeline Wadhvani, Jessy Thambiraj, Carolina Constable or Pauline O'Day, to learn more about what this would involve. If you would like to sit in on our first meeting of 2025 to "see for yourself" then you are most welcome to come along on **Tuesday 4 February at 7.00 pm sharp to the Presbytery.**



🕯 Baptism Congratulations 🕯

The community of Sacred Heart Parish congratulates



Poppy Wilson,
for her Baptism on
Saturday 18 January.



🕯 Welcome before Baptism 🕯

Dear Parents, as you prepare for your child's Baptism, the people of Sacred Heart rejoice that you have chosen to baptize your child and we pray that in the coming years you and your family will continue to know and grow in the love of God, that is everlasting.

The Parish introduces to the Sacred Heart community

Olivia Zito,

in preparation for her Baptism on
Sunday 2 February.



The Jubilee of Jesus

According to the evangelist Luke, Jesus consciously used the language of jubilee when he began His ministry in the synagogue at Nazareth. Standing before the people, Jesus read from the prophet Isaiah:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, for he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to captives, sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim a year of the Lord’s favour.” (Luke 4:18-19)

Through His life, death and resurrection, Jesus brought about a kind of ‘ultimate jubilee’; a time of newness and ‘new creation’ (2 Cor 5:17) a time of abundant mercy for His people until His return in glory. The apostles saw it as their responsibility to continue this work of Christ’s jubilee: ‘See now is the acceptable time; see now is the day of salvation’ (2 Cor 6:2).

As pilgrims of hope, let us embrace the message of Jubilee in how we live our life everyday.

(Ref: Pilgrims of Hope, Jubilee 2025 Resource Pack for Parishes, Catholic Archdiocese of Melbourne)



The Jubilee Prayer

Father in heaven,
may the *faith* you have given us
in your son, Jesus Christ, our brother,
and the flame of *charity* enkindled
in our hearts by the Holy Spirit,
reawaken in us the blessed *hope*
for the coming of your Kingdom.

May your grace transform us into tireless cultivators of the seeds of the Gospel. May those seeds transform from within both humanity and the whole cosmos in the sure expectation of a new heaven and a new earth, when, with the powers of Evil vanquished, your glory will shine eternally.

May the grace of the Jubilee reawaken in us, *Pilgrims of Hope*, a yearning for the treasures of heaven. May that same grace spread the joy and peace of our Redeemer throughout the earth. To you our God, eternally blessed, be glory and praise for ever. Amen



Pursuing a Lasting Love Celebrating Marriage Week!

7 - 14 February 2025

It is always good to be reminded to **invest** in your marriage. A strong marriage overflows with love and compassion to your family and beyond.

SmartLoving has created “**The Intentional Couple**” micro-course as a free gift for all married couples, visit: www.smartloving.org/gift

Brochures can be found in the church foyer



Magi Pilgrimages

Magi Pilgrimages Australia is organising the following Jubilee Pilgrimages 2025.

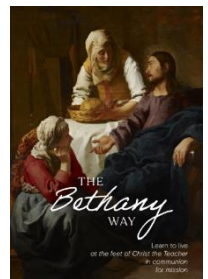
1. Streams of Mercy (May),
2. Italy & Poland (May),
3. Marian Shrines (June),
4. Shrines of our Lady (August),
5. Pilgrimage of Hope (October).

The fare includes Return Economy Airfares + Local Transfers in Deluxe coaches + Stay in Premium Hotels + All Breakfasts & Dinners + Catholic Priest + English speaking professional guides.

For itineraries & bookings call 03 8839 6615 or 1300 721 561 or email us pilgrimage@magiholidays.com.au



Dear Sacred Heart Parishioners,
You are invited to **The Bethany Way** retreat:
‘At the feet of Jesus: on retreat with Martha, Mary, and Lazarus’
Saturday 8 February 2025, 12pm–4pm
Catholic Leadership Centre,
576 Victoria Parade, East Melbourne
All are welcome to join for Mass at 11:30am
Lunch included.



This **free retreat** will introduce you to The Bethany Way — a journey of being formed in the faith and equipped to form others, whatever your field of influence.

Grow to:

pray more authentically.

believe more deeply.

articulate more clearly

love more faithfully

RSVP BY 3 FEBRUARY

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ENQUIRIES: proclaim@cam.org.au or 9926 5761



Piety Shop

The piety shop stocks small gifts and cards for **all Sacraments** as well as various religious items at reasonable prices. Please take the time to have a look after any of the weekend Masses. Thank you.



CTC 2025 Enrolments are open

Study scripture, theology, pastoral ministry and spirituality

- Introductory or further studies available
- Face-to-face or online modes available
- Audit, undergraduate or postgraduate level

For more information:

[view our 2025 Prospectus](#)

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Children’s activity pages

Please find in the foyer of the Church activity pages and pencils for young children to use quietly during Mass.



☺ Joke Corner ☺

I was going to give up all of my bad habits for the new year, but then I remembered that no one likes a quitter.

At the beginning of the year, I made a resolution to lose 5 Kilos. Only 8 more to go!

Q. How can you keep a New Year's resolution to read more while never opening a book?

A. Watch TV with subtitles.

Q: What happened to the man who shoplifted a calendar?

A: He got 12 months!

An optimist stays up until midnight to see the New Year in, A pessimist stays up to make sure the old year leaves

I just read that 4,153,237 people got married last year. Not to cause any trouble, but shouldn't that be an even number?



ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

All the earth shall bow down before you, O God, and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do,

And, striking their breast, they say: through my fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore, I ask blessed Mary Ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

GLORIA

Glory to God in the highest, / and on earth peace to people of good will. / We praise you, / we bless you, / we adore you, / we glorify you, / we give you thanks for your great glory, / Lord God, heavenly King, / O God, almighty Father. / Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, / you take away the sins of the world, / have mercy on us; / you take away the sins of the world, / receive our prayer; / you are seated at the right hand of the Father, / have mercy on us. / For you alone are the Holy One, / you alone are the Lord, / you alone are the Most High, / Jesus Christ, / with the Holy Spirit, / in the glory of God the Father. / Amen.

FIRST READING

Isaiah 62:1-5

About Zion I will not be silent, about Jerusalem I will not grow weary, until her integrity shines out like the dawn and her salvation flames like a torch. The nations then will see your integrity, all the kings your glory, and you will be called by a new name, one which the mouth of the Lord will confer.

You are to be a crown of splendour in the hand of the Lord, a princely diadem in the hand of your God; no longer are you to be named 'Forsaken', nor your land 'Abandoned', but you shall be called 'My Delight' and your land 'The Wedded'; for the Lord takes delight in you and your land will have its wedding. Like a young man marrying a virgin, so will the one who built you wed you, and as the bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so will your God rejoice in you.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM

Psalm 95(96):1-3,7-10

The Response Is:

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

O sing a new song to the Lord, sing to the Lord all the earth. O sing to the Lord, bless his name.

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Proclaim his help day by day, tell among the nations his glory and his wonders among all the peoples.

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Give the Lord, you families of peoples, give the Lord glory and power; give the Lord the glory of his name.

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

Worship the Lord in his temple.

O earth, tremble before him.

Proclaim to the nations: 'God is king.'

He will judge the peoples in fairness.

Proclaim his marvellous deeds to all the nations.

SECOND READING

1 Corinthians 12:4-11

There is a variety of gifts but always the same Spirit; there are all sorts of service to be done, but always to the same Lord; working in all sorts of different ways in different people, it is the same God who is working in all of them. The particular way in which the Spirit is given to each person is for a good purpose. One may have the gift of preaching with wisdom given him by the Spirit; another may have the gift of preaching instruction given him by the same Spirit; and another the gift of faith given by the same Spirit; another again the gift of healing, through this one Spirit; one, the power of miracles; another, prophecy; another the gift of recognising spirits; another the gift of tongues and another the ability to interpret them. All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, who distributes different gifts to different people just as he chooses.

The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God.

Please stand for the Gospel Acclamation.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia, alleluia!

God has called us with the gospel to share in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Alleluia!

GOSPEL

John 2:1-11

There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee. The mother of Jesus was there, and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited. When they ran out of wine, since the wine provided for the wedding was all finished, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' Jesus said 'Woman, why turn to me? My hour has not come yet.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' There were six stone water jars standing there, meant for the ablutions that are customary among the Jews: each could hold twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water', and they filled them to the brim. 'Draw some out now' he told them 'and

take it to the steward.' They did this; the steward tasted the water, and it had turned into wine. Having no idea where it came from – only the servants who had drawn the water knew – the steward called the bridegroom and said, 'People generally serve the best wine first, and keep the cheaper sort till the guests have had plenty to drink; but you have kept the best wine till now.'

This was the first of the signs given by Jesus: it was given at Cana in Galilee. He let his glory be seen, and his disciples believed in him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE NICENE CREED.

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(At the words that follow, up to and including 'and became man', all bow.)

and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures.

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church.

I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

